

# total potato stocks



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Stocks of Irish potatoes held in storage for all uses by growers, local dealers and processors in fall production areas totaled 106.6 million hundred-weight on February 1, 1973, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is 14 percent, 17.8 million cwt., less than the 124.4 million cwt. on hand a year earlier, and 15.6 million cwt. less than the 122.2 million cwt. on hand February 1, 1971.

In the eight Eastern States, February 1, 1973 supplies totaled 21.6 million cwt., 33 percent less or 10.6 million cwt. below the 32.2 million on hand a year earlier. Maine stocks of 17.8 million cwt. this year, compared with 24.8 million last year, are down 28 percent. February 1, 1973 stocks in Upstate and Long Island, New York, and Pennsylvania are also sharply below year earlier levels as the result of active demand for the smaller crops produced in 1972.

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Stocks in the eight Central States of 20.3 million cwt. were 6.4 million cwt., 24 percent, less than the February 1, 1972 stocks of 26.7 million. North Dakota stocks of 7.8 million cwt. this year compare with 10.2 million cwt. a year earlier, while Minnesota at 5.9 million cwt. is down from 8.3 million cwt. on hand last year. Michigan stocks of 2.8 million cwt. this year match the year earlier level, but stocks in other Central Region States are less than last year.

For the eight Western States, February 1, 1973 stocks totaled 64.8 million cwt., only slightly less than the 65.5 million cwt. on hand a year earlier. Idaho at 42.0 million cwt. is slightly higher than the 41.5 million cwt. of last year, while Washington at 10.3 million is slightly less than a year ago. In Montana, Wyoming, and Utah, supplies this year are higher than a year earlier. Estimated stocks in Colorado, Oregon, and California are below a year earlier.

Disappearance from the 1972 fall crop production of 234.1 million cwt. to the February 1, 1973 stocks of 106.6 million cwt. was 127.5 million cwt. Comparable disappearance from the 1971 production was 129.4 million and for the 1970 crop 131.3 million cwt.

Use of potatoes from the 1972 crop for processing to February 1, 1973 in Maine, Idaho, Washington (late summer and fall crops), Oregon, Michigan, Minnesota, and North Dakota totaled 51.9 million cwt. compared with 49.6 million for the corresponding period last year.

Table 1. Fall potatoes: Production, December 1, January 1, February 1, and March 1 total stocks, crops of 1962-72 in the fall States

Crop year	Production	T o t a l S t o c k s			
		December 1	Following year		
			January 1	February 1	March 1
			1,000 cwt.		
1962 1/	194,875	135,745	115,770	91,970	70,250
1963	198,195	136,995	115,000	89,300	67,280
1964	174,491	114,550	94,205	73,120	54,535
1965	216,749	147,780	124,170	98,670	74,905
1966	228,442	153,550	128,050	103,630	79,632
1967	231,656	161,500	139,170	112,640	86,405
1968	221,906	152,810	130,350	104,995	81,940
1969	239,460	162,800	138,140	111,510	87,620
1970	253,525	175,145	150,030	122,230	96,780
1971 2/	253,796	176,340	151,400	124,370	98,480
1972	234,100	156,890	132,810	106,615	

1/ Seasonal groupings effective with 1962: All Idaho and Oregon classified as fall. In Colorado, all areas outside of San Luis Valley classified as late summer and the San Luis Valley as fall.

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Table 2. Potatoes used for processing 1/, seven States, 1971 and 1972 crops

State and area	From 1971 crop			From 1972 crop	
	To February 1:	To March 1:	To April 1:	Entire	To February 1
	1972	1972	1972	season	1973
Maine	6,194	7,546	9,238	13,763	5,847
Idaho and Malheur Co.					
Ore.	24,426	29,408	35,412	49,942	25,115
Washington and Other Oregon areas	13,804	16,269	18,965	22,898	15,814
Other States 2/	5,145	6,385	7,554	10,131	5,140
Seven State Total	49,569	59,608	71,169	96,734	51,916

1/ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Does not include quantities used for potato chips in Maine and Michigan.

2/ Michigan, Minnesota and North Dakota.

Table 3. Potatoes: Production and total stocks of fall potatoes held by growers and local dealers on February 1, 1972 and February 1, 1973 1/

State	Crop of 1971		Crop of 1972	
	Production	Total stocks : Feb. 1, 1972	Production	Total stocks : Feb. 1, 1973
	1,000 cwt.			
Maine	37,700	24,800	33,280	17,800
New Hampshire	189	70		
Vermont	264	120		
Massachusetts	987	260		
Rhode Island	1,248	150		
Connecticut	851	200		
New York -L. I.	5,198	1,700	4,141	1,100
-Upstate	7,935	2,500	4,973	1,000
Pennsylvania	7,810	2,400	4,800	1,250
Others 2/			2/2,458	2/ 420
8 Eastern	62,182	32,200	49,652	21,570
Ohio	2,473	350		
Indiana	1,708	120		
Michigan	8,165	2,800	7,718	2,800
Wisconsin	9,540	3,900	7,625	2,900
Minnesota	14,850	8,300	11,400	5,900
North Dakota	19,995	10,200	17,400	7,800
South Dakota	1,053	530	738	110
Nebraska	1,050	500	968	370
Others 3/			3/3,366	3/ 390
8 Central	58,834	26,700	49,215	20,270
Montana	1,404	1,200	1,650	1,325
Idaho	77,290	41,500	78,795	42,000
Wyoming	925	300	1,456	530
Colorado	7,560	3,900	7,905	3,500
Utah	848	270	1,011	320
Washington	22,910	10,350	22,620	10,300
Oregon	13,723	4,300	14,436	4,200
California	8,120	3,650	7,360	2,600
8 Western	132,780	65,470	135,233	64,775
Total 24 Fall States	253,796	124,370	234,100	106,615

1/ Total stocks consist of "production less total disappearance to date."

2/ Includes New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut.

3/ Includes Ohio and Indiana.

Table 4. Population: Revised estimates and projections, United States,  
for selected dates 1965 to 1974

Year	Total including		Civilian resident	
	Armed Forces overseas			
	January 1	July 1	January 1	July 1
	Millions			
1965	193.2	194.3	190.5	191.6
1966	195.5	196.6	192.6	193.4
1967	197.7	198.7	194.4	195.3
1968	199.8	200.7	196.4	197.1
1969	201.8	202.7	198.3	199.1
1970	203.8	204.9	200.5	201.7
1971	206.1	207.0	203.1	204.3
1972	208.1	208.8	205.5	206.5
1973	209.7		207.3	
Projections				
1973		210.5		208.2
1974	211.3	212.2	209.0	209.9

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